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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Listing of the Claims

1-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) A carriage for a roller skate in which each wheel is independently suspended on the carriage by a resilient suspension in which the suspension includes means for constraining the wheel to follow a predetermined path with respect to a body of the carriage upon deflection of the resilient suspension and the constraining means comprise one or more pivotally mounted trailing arm for respectively carrying each wheel, wherein a resilient suspension force is exerted by a torsion spring acting about a pivot axis of the trailing arm.

- 28. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the orientation of each trailing arm in its resting position is variable.
- 29. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the torsion spring is a coil spring in torsion.
- 30. (Currently amended) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim [[1]] <u>27</u>, wherein the torsion spring is a helical coil spring.
- 31. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the path of movement of a wheel upon displacement of the suspension is non linear.

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32. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the path of the suspension travel of a wheel varies in direction with a variation in the magnitude of a movement about the pivot axis from a static load position.

- 33. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the wheels are arranged in line with one another along the body of the carriage in a single line.
- 34. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the resilient suspension of each wheel thereof is substantially undamped.
- 35. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the suspension travel of a wheel is inclined towards the rear carriage.
- 36. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the wheel is carried by respective pivoted trailing arms mounted for rotation about a respective axis pivotally substantially parallel to an axis of rotation of the wheel carried thereby.
- 37. (Previously presented) A roller skate as claimed in Claim 36, in which each said pivoted trailing arms houses a respective torsion spring urging the arm to turn in a first direction about its first axis with respect to the carriage body.

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38. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the resilient suspension force acting on each wheel is independently adjustable by respective adjustment

39. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 38, in which the adjustment of the resilient suspension force is effected by adjustment of the angular position of a locating member held in place by frictional engagement with a fixed part of the carriage or a member carried thereby.

- 40. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which there are provided abutment stops on the body of the carriage, engaged by a movable part of the suspension whereby to determine the maximum extension travel of a wheel suspension.
- 41. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 40, in which the said abutment stops are adjustable whereby to adjust the said maximum extension position of a wheel.
- 42. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the body of the carriage comprises at least one elongate plate like member on which a plurality of individual wheel suspensions are carried with the wheels in line with one another.

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- 43. (Previously presented) A roller skate comprising a carriage as claimed in Claim 27, fixed to a boot for receiving and supporting the foot of a user.
- 44. (Previously presented) A roller skate carriage as claimed in Claim 27, in which the suspension for each wheel includes a resilient member acting both to exert a resilient biasing force urging the wheel towards one end of its path of suspended travel with respect to the carriage and as a wheel guide member at least partly defining the path of travel of the wheel.
  - 45. (New) A carriage for a roller skate comprising:
  - a plurality of wheels independently suspended on the carriage by a resilient suspension, wherein the suspension includes:
  - a means for constraining each of the plurality of wheels to follow a predetermined path with respect to a body of the carriage upon deflection of the resilient suspension, wherein the plurality of wheels deflect in the same predetermined path; the constraining means comprises:

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at least one pivotally mounted trailing arm for respectively carrying each wheel, and a torsion spring acting about a pivot axis of the trailing arm providing a resilient suspension force.